CHAPTER EIGHT

METHODS FOR DETERMINING CHARACTERISTICS

This chapter addresses procedures for method-defined parameters, where the analytical result is wholly dependant on the process used to make the measurement. Examples include the use of the toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (TCLP) to prepare a leachate, and the flash point, pH, paint filter liquids, and corrosivity tests. In these instances, changes to the specific methods may change the end result and incorrectly identify a waste as nonhazardous. Therefore, when the measurement of such method-defined parameters is required by regulation, those methods are not subject to the flexibility afforded in other SW-846 methods (such as described in the Disclaimer and Chapter Two of this manual).

Methods for determining the characteristics of ignitability for liquids, corrosivity for liquids, and toxicity are included.

8.1 Ignitability

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The following methods are found in Sec. 8.1 of this chapter:

Method 1010A: Pensky-Martens Closed-Cup Method for Determining Ignitability
Method 1020B: Small Scale Closed-Cup Method for Determining Ignitability

8.2 Corrosivity

This chapter addresses procedures for method-defined parameters, where the analytical result is wholly dependant on the process used to make the measurement. Examples include the use of the toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (TCLP) to prepare a leachate, and the flash point, pH, paint filter liquids, and corrosivity tests. In these instances, changes to the specific methods may change the end result and incorrectly identify a waste as nonhazardous. Therefore, when the measurement of such method-defined parameters is required by regulation, those methods are not subject to the flexibility afforded in other SW-846 methods (such as described in the Disclaimer and Chapter Two of this manual).

The following methods are found in Sec. 8.2 of this chapter:

Method 9040C: pH Electrometric Measurement

Method 1110A: Corrosivity Toward Steel

8.3 Reactivity

There are no required SW-846 methods for the determination of the characteristic of reactivity.

8.4 Toxicity

This chapter addresses procedures for method-defined parameters, where the analytical result is wholly dependant on the process used to make the measurement. Examples include the use of the toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (TCLP) to prepare a leachate, and the flash point, pH, paint filter liquids, and corrosivity tests. In these instances, changes to the specific methods may change the end result and incorrectly identify a waste as nonhazardous. Therefore, when the measurement of such method-defined parameters is required by regulation, those methods are not subject to the flexibility afforded in other SW-846 methods (such as described in the Disclaimer and Chapter Two of this manual).

The following methods are found in Sec. 8.4 of this chapter:

Method 1310B: Extraction Procedure (EP) Toxicity Test Method and

Structural Integrity Test

Method 1311: Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure